

the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,093,382. In response to these rejections, Applicants are filing herewith an appropriate terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321. There are no other grounds for rejection and the Examiner has indicated that all the pending claims are otherwise allowable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Also enclosed is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the Office Action for three months to and including January 6, 2003, as January 5, 2003 fell on a Sunday, and a check in payment of the required extension fee.

If there are any additional charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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